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OUR PREMIERSHIP MATCHES ARE OVER EXCEPT FOR TWO ROUNDS OF RESERVE GRADE FIXTURES AND ALTHOUGH SOME VERY INTERESTING FIXTURES LIE AHEAD IN THE WAY OF AMOCO CUP AND FEDERATION CUP GAMES IT IS SOMETHING OF AN ANTI-CLIMAX NOW THAT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN DECIDED.

BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND DIVISION WENT TO WORTHY WINNERS WITH KEEN STRUGGLES GOING ON RIGHT TO THE LAST. CROATIA-DEAKIN AND QUEANBEYAN CITY OVERCAME DISAPPOINTMENTS IN 1972 TO TAKE THE HONOURS THIS SEASON.

QUEANBEYAN IN PARTICULAR WILL BE OUT TO DO WELL IN THE FEDERATION CUP.

AT A TIME WHEN THE OTHER FOOTBALL CODES ARE BUILDING UP TO SEMI FINALS ETC IT DOES SEEM THAT OUR LEAGUE GAMES WILL HAVE TO BE EXTENDED TO BRING, FURTHER INTEREST TO THE COMPETITION.

THE INAVAILABILITY OF GROUNDS IS A BIG PROBLEM TO OVERCOME BUT CUP COMPETITIONS ARE SOMEWHAT OUT OF FOCUS.

IT DOES APPEAR THAT THREE COMPETITION ROUNDS WILL HAVE TO BE ARRANGED IN THE FIXTURE WITH CUP GAMES GOING ON TO A DIFFERENT FORMAT.

A LOT OF IDEAS HAVE BEEN IN THE MELTING POT FOR YEARS SUCH AS PLAYING CUP ROUNDS AT NIGHT OR ON SATURDAYS OR ALL DAY ON SUNDAYS, INTO OCTOBER ETC. AND NO DOUBT SOME EXPERIMENTS WILL BE TRIED IN 1974.

ONE THING THOUGH THAT PLAYERS, CLUBS SEEM TO BE AGREED ON IS AN EXTENDED LEAGUE COMPETITION.

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1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia-Deakin	14	12	1	1	53	15	25
Juventus	14	10	2	2	43	13	22
Monaro	14	5	4	5	21	27	15
Lyons	14	5	6	3	22	21	13
Forrest	14	5	7	2	17	22	12
Turner Eagles	14	2	4	8	17	28	12
Olympic	14	4	7	3	19	24	11
Phillip	14	-	12	2	13	55	2

2ND DIVISION

Queanbeyan City	14	11	2	1	49	11	23
A.N.U.	14	11	2	2	38	16	22
Goulburn workers	14	6	5	3	35	20	15
Woden	14	7	6	1	27	27	15
South City	14	6	6	2	25	37	14
Jamison	14	4	7	3	20	29	11
St. George	14	2	8	4	12	30	8
Dickson	14	2	12	-	7	43	4

RESERVES

Turner Eagles	14	13	1	-	45	8	26
Croatia-Deakin	14	12	2	-	35	8	24
A.N.U.	14	8	6	-	40	30	16
Lyons	14	7	5	2	28	30	16
Juventus	14	6	7	1	27	19	13
Olympic	14	6	7	1	27	36	13
Phillip	14	5	7	2	27	38	12
Monaro	14	5	7	2	18	27	12
Forrest	14	4	7	3	19	23	11
Woden	14	-	14	-	3	44	0

O'CONNOR PHARMACY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Croatia-Deakin	222	Forrest	99
A.N.U.	180	Woden	90
Juventus	171	Goulburn Workers	90
Turner Eagles	150	South City	84
Queanbeyan City	138	Jamison	66
Monaro	126	St. George	48
Lyons	123	Phillip	48
Olympic	105	Dickson	24

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DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C.A.E.	13	11	1	1	46	21	23
Belconnen	13	11	0	2	57	15	22
Weston	13	6	2	5	27	24	14
C.Y.C.	13	6	1	6	38	37	13
A.N.U.	13	4	3	6	28	33	11
R.M.C.	13	5	0	8	37	39	10
Hughes	13	3	1	9	26	47	7
Norths	13	2	0	11	19	63	4
DIVISION 2							
Phillip	13	12	0	1	62	16	24
Salvation Army	13	11	0	2	69	17	22
Kris	12	10	0	2	35	16	20
Yass	11	7	0	4	41	19	14
Fyshwick	13	4	0	9	22	45	8
C.A.E.	11	3	1	7	13	50	7
R.M.C.	12	1	1	10	9	51	3
Lyneham	12	0	0	12	8	48	0
RESERVES							
C.A.E.	13	9	3	1	42	12	21
R.M.C.	13	9	1	3	54	11	19
Weston	13	6	3	4	35	31	15
C.Y.C.	13	7	1	5	29	38	15
Belconnen	13	6	2	4	35	15	14
Hughes	13	3	3	6	32	36	9
A.N.U.	13	2	1	10	15	55	5
Norths	13	1	2	10	19	61	4
UNDER 16 DIVISION 1							
Turner	13	12	0	1	121	17	24
Norths	13	12	0	1	74	12	24
Campbell	13	7	0	6	47	35	14
Belconnen	13	5	1	7	39	61	11
Hughes	13	2	0	11	16	89	4
Weston	13	0	1	12	12	88	1
UNDER 16 DIVISION 2							
Norths	13	10	1	2	60	21	21
Melrose	13	9	1	3	73	19	19
West Woden	13	5	1	3	55	27	19
Lyneham	13	5	0	8	32	46	10
Belconnen	13	3	2	8	33	40	8
Weston	13	0	1	12	11	111	1

WORLD CUP ahead

By the time you read this, Australia will have played two matches against Queensland and Iran will have been seen in action against a local representative side in Christchurch, New Zealand.

This is the month all in Australian soccer have been waiting for misty August with its promise of the warmth and colour of approaching spring and heralding the vital battles against Iran.

The World Cup clashes in Sydney and Teheran offer tremendous challenge and equally tremendous opportunity. It all lies in the hands or rather the feet of our players.

The onus on them is great and on coach Rale Basic, of course, even more so.

He and they are tilting with history and the consequences of their actions will be far reaching.

For the players the biggest test will be beating the pressure of the awesome publicity and importance surrounding the two games and in the process beating their well-prepared opponents.

For the coach, his biggest job this month will be to pick the correct teams for the different tasks they face, one in friendly Sydney and the other in hostile Teheran.

This facet of a coach's job----selection of teams--- is probably the most important of all his many tasks.

Who plays, and where they play in a team, can have a stupendous influence on the performance of that team. Never is this soccer truism more likely to be tested than in a two game home-and-away contest such as that on Saturday week between Australia and Iran.

The tactics needed to succeed in Sydney will be much different from those needed to grind out a result in front of 70,000 Iranians, screaming for their team in Teheran.

The question is should coach Basic pick predominantly the same players for both games and ask them to vary their tactics, or should he pick two decidedly different teams, one stacked with creative players to play in Sydney, the other based on defensive players for Teheran ?

That Basic is already trying to solve this problem was evident in the recent game against Victoria which was won by the N.S.W. cum Australian team 2-1.

In the first half N.S.W. had only one destructive player in the team ; that was captain Peter Wilson. The rest Utjesenovic, Richards and Mackay in the back four; Warren, Rooney and Baartz in midfield and Alston Ollerton and Abonyi up front were all highly skilful attack minded players.

The paradox was that with all these attackers in the team, at half time N.S.W. had not scored a goal and in fact was 1 -0 down. In the second half Basic brought in a couple of more rugged players and generally tightened up in defence, yet were able to score two goals to run out winners. This points to further problems that face our coach, who must get a result in the home game.

What happens if Iran successfully packs its defence and is able to penetrate our exposed rearguard, and then we have to go to Teheran already behind on goals ?

Basic knows all about winning games on defence and counter-attack tactics--it has been the basis of much of his coaching at club and national level. It may have been rather exrutiating for him to see the way his own goal was exposed by his attack oriented team against the Vics. When the chips are down maybe he will revert to his tried and trusted methods that have brought him results in the past. In Sydney he will field attacking players for sure, but he will also want to keep his defence intact at all times.

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The easiest way to do this would be to play a 4-2-4 formation, which would give him six players when defending and six when attacking, plus the width needed to beat a packed defence. The alternative would be his usual 4-3-3 but with the normally defensive midfielder Richards pushed more forward. This second formation requires more attacking from behind than 4-2-4 and would thus leave the area in front of his back four more exposed, but there would be less chance of being outplayed in the middle.

If he goes for 4-2-4 should he use high work-rate linkmen such as McDonald and Rooney or prefer the more dangerous Warren and Baartz? The tip is he will play 4-3-3 with one ball winner Richards, one worker Rooney or McDonald and one midfielder-attacker Warren or Baartz being the three in midfield with a tall central striker, Tolson or Ollerton flanked by two mobile colleagues Abonyi and Alston up front.

At the back he will keep his sweeper and stopper back at all times with the fullbacks attacking when it is on. This is the formula St. George's Mike Johnson would use with playmaker Mackay being considered. In Teheran the formation will probably be 4-3½-2½ with Tolson a certainty for the central striker role, which will, in fact be that of a withdrawn striker, bolstering both our midfield three or the two strikers, depending on which team had the ball. Tolson with his tremendous stamina can do these jobs admirably as he has shown for Marconi.

In the heat of Iran, the two lightweight terriers Rooney and McDonald would be ideal in midfield with Richards acting as a bulwark in front of his defence, a job he does so very well. St. George's George Harris, a tremendous defender, could get a recall to national duty for the Teheran game. Indeed the choices open to coach Rasic are many and so varied. But that of course in some ways can make things so tough for him. Choice is the creator of indecision and too much indecision can be disastrous on match days when there is a tendency to try and put right a team selection that originally you were not convinced about and which now appears to be going awry.

So let us hope coach Rasic comes up with the right formula.

Despite the importance of correct tactics and selections, what it all boils down to is the players-how they play on the day.

The last World Cup challenge had none of the preparation afforded to the present squad. The 1970 squad was worn ragged by excessive travelling, haggling and procrastination. Yet by sheer guts that bedraggled bunch took us to within an ace of the World Cup finals.

That is what World Cup soccer is all about-character-the ability if you are skilful to produce that skill under intense pressure, the ability to grasp victory when it is offered to you, to throw back defeat when it is beginning to overpower you. The World Cup offers a soccer player the greatest ever test of his skill and of his manhood.

The growing professionalism of the Sydney 1st Division competition in recent years, along with recent international competition, has sharpened and hardened our players to a pitch that they are truly equipped to win games at this level of the World Cup.

It is up to them to do just that-nobody else can do it for them, not the coach, not the spectators, not the millions in various parts of the world who would love to see an Australian team in West Germany next year.... it is only up to the players, as finally it always is.

Weekend

Federation Cup Quarter finals might give the impression that the season is winding down as a number of teams will not get a run but from next week it will be full blast again.

The fixtures for Sunday are full of interest in view of recent results in League games. There is also the challenge of the top Amateur club C.A.E. to be met by Queanbeyan City.

C.A.E. won both the first division and reserve grade competitions in the A.C.T. Amateur Soccer Association after showing very consistent standard over past seasons. The challenge to Queanbeyan is therefore very real when it has to be remembered that C.A.E. defeated first division Phillip United to get to its present position. C.A.E. on that occasion really surprised Phillip who kept waiting for the college to slow down but the frame of mind out Queanbeyan way will not allow any easing on Sunday.

Still smarting from the decision to drop to Second division for this season, Queanbeyan has definite hopes of making the final of the Federation Cup and in this mood is likely to really turn it on and when this happens Canberra fans have in the past seen some of the most entertaining football around.

It is not certain whether Mitce Josifoski will play but the players are there to make this a very entertaining game which will be closely fought out by two determined teams.

The match is at O'Connor at 12.45 p.m. and the change in times is to allow for extra time to be played if necessary as a result has to be obtained. Queanbeyan would be slightly favoured to win but the consistent work of C.A.E. will trouble City and may wear the Queanbeyan side down.

At O'Connor the second game starting at 2.45 p.m. is between top of the first division Croatia-Deakin and the rapidly improving Forrest.

Last Thursday night, the lads from Forrest revelled in the conditions when they played Lyons in a deferred game and much to the surprise of most clearly won a match of good football 2-1. When it is considered that Lyons then turned out on Sunday and led Juventus all the way, the Forrest form looks very good and it will need to be just that to win through this Cup round against Croatia-Deakin.

The lift in spirit given by the return of Lew Farkas from Melbourne has made Forrest a very workmanlike side which already had been troubling most teams.

The speed of the Forrest v Lyons game surprised after the early slogging form of Forrest and the team condition is a credit to stalwart Gunther Gross who was even seen to smile a bit on Thursday evening.

Notwithstanding all this it would be impossible to go past Croatia-Deakin to make it to the semi-finals but with injury problems to key players in Vlado Horvat and Ivan Gruicic, the Croatia-Deakin defence might get a lot more work than it has of late and it is in defence that the "Red Devils" are most susceptible. John Jones, Tony Radovanovic and Mirko Skrijug are very experienced players but the speed to cover is not there. A lot depends on the fitness of the two representative players and it did seem to be taking un-necessary risks to play Vlado Horvat with an injured elbow last week. Nick Andrakovic has had a good season, playing some strong games and of course Sivko Babic and Nade Spajeta will thoroughly test Peter Lockwood once again.

Matches

This match too, will be chock full of interest, and provide what is expected to be a good crowd with a good afternoon's watching.

At Deakin Oval, the first match at 12.45 p.m. is between two teams who have already played very close matches this season.

Turner Eagles and Olympic are both anxious to finish the season well after some good results in the League. Olympic took a long while to get on top of Belconnen in the Cup match played under lights a week ago and failed to show the cohesion one would expect from a first division club that had already played more than 14 games together. In fact it was only the experience of first division football which saw the Blues through despite the 5-0 score.

On the strength of this performance Turner Eagles would have to come out as slight favourites on Sunday and although Reg Joy and Tony Salvage reckon the side plays best as underdogs, the all round efficiency of the Eagles particularly in defence might prove a stumbling block for Olympic. The 8 draws obtained in the league with a win over Olympic already should have Turner right and it is understood that John Schneider will be returning to goal.

Olympic have been a puzzle all season.

The loss of Jock Coulter has probably caused disruption in positions but the lack of purpose in attack which has relied allthrough on individual bursts was again evident last Thursday. Young Alan Woods came into the game as Belconnen tired slightly but had not been sighted early. Too much has been placed on George Campbell and maybe it is this work load which made him concentrate on individual effort and team work has definitely suffered as a result.

Coach Con Engel certainly has some problems in attack to solve if he is going to crack the Atkinson-Magro-Bayin-Lindh line. Johnny Constantinovits still is working hard if somewhat erratically but Nick Avlonitis would do better to play more and talk less.

The tip is Turner to win through but only just.

A replay of the Juventus v Lyons league game is unlikely when these two meet again in the late match at Deakin Oval.

In the past Juventus has bounced back hard after defeat and is sure to do so again spurred on by the return of Arthur Smith to put some speed and zip into the forwards.

Now that Lyons has broken the mental barrier there is no reason why a further confident display will not be seen on Sunday.

It is unfortunate for Juventus that great midfielder Roy Thomson is absent on a visit to Scotland as Roy has had a great season but it will be up to Mike Black and Alex D'Ambrosio to come in with the right approach to challenge Jo Arquero and Tony Batinovic. The foraging of Johnny Davies got him right into the game last week and he was able to use his ball skills to damaging effect.

Last year Lyons ran Juventus uncomfortably close in a Cup match which was settled by penalties and the form of both suggests that it could get down to this on Sunday. If winning form can be taken as a guide in fact Lyons would be favourite but a much more determined effort will come from the Black and Whites in a last ditch stand to add to the season's honours.

LYONS CLUB

Lyons Club in its initial season in Federation First Division has made a real impact on the Canberra soccer scene. Finishing a very creditable fourth on the league table with a healthy goal average the club goes into the Cup matches with confidence now well placed following last week's 2-1 win over Juventus.

Now that the club is preparing to challenge the established "big Teams" Juventus and Croatia-Deakin, a re-appraisal of policy for the future is under way to meet the demands of "professional football".

We are indebted to Bill Arnold for supplying the breakdown of Lyons performances so far this season.

JUNIOR REPS

The under 15 Representative squad leaves Canberra by air on Saturday 25th of August at 9.45 am in what is the first National Championships at this level.

A.C.T. is coached by Andre Soldan who was associated with the West Woden Club and managed by Jim Bowman who has been with Olympic.

The growth of National Championships gives some idea of the wealth of young talent making its presence felt throughout Australia and at the 15 years mark players are showing true potentiality for senior football.

Within the limited resources of the A.C.T. financially and otherwise this under 15 team has been very well prepared and is showing in trial matches a sufficiently high standard to give promise of good results and what is just as important laying the foundations of Under 16 and Under 18 teams of the immediate future.

Let us take a look at the players:

HANS PETER FRAENZNICK..

Started playing Under 10's as centre forward but changed to goalkeeper and from the West Woden Club represented A.C.T. Under 14's Now with Turner Eagles playing with Under 16's.

BRIAN REDMAN

Selected as goalkeeper from Belconnen Under 16's Like Fraenznick started off as a forward with his school in England.

Played for Croydon Club in Victoria and won selection in Victoria Under 14 rep team.

STUART MILLBURN

Started playing as a 6 year old in Manly Vale (Sydney). After coming to Canberra Played for West Woden in 1969 and Garran 1970-71 72. Has already represented A.C.T. in 1971 and 1972 and is a defender now with Melrose

ROLAND TRETTER

Defender. Ex-Adelaide player with Ascot Park. Was with West Woden but now with Turner.

DAVID GREIG

Another defender from Turner Club. Played in Scotland for school and Boys Brigade teams. Came to Australia in 1970 and joined West Woden. Already represented A.C.T. for two seasons.

LUIS MUÑOZ

From Barcelona, Spain and has been in Canberra for 3 years. Defender now with Turner.

DAVID ASHMORE

Belconnen defender. As a youngster played in Singapore and has been with Inverbrackie in South Australia also Played with South United in Canberra.

PETER TAYLOR

Midfield player with Turner. Played in Holland for Wivos Club came to Australia in 1972.

CHRIS BOWMAN

Member Lyneham Club as midfielder. Represented as Under 10 when living in Orange. N.S.W. and was also a rep. player in Sydney.

ROBERT SLAZENGER

Midfield player after being a "convert" from Aussie Rules. Has played for Norths, Belconnen and Lyneham in Canberra. Has now joined Olympic.

MICHAEL LINK

Midfielder from the Turner Club. Hails from England and joined the West Woden Club at 12 years of age. Captained the Under 14's side and most experienced player.

BRIAN GRAHAM

Learnt the game in England in 1968. Signed on with Canberra North late in 1969 and plays in the midfield. Has already repped for A.C.T.

GREG WILLETT

Forward. Began playing for the East Gosford (N.S.W.) Soccer Club. at the age of 6. Represented the Central Coast of N.S.W. Is now in third season with Belconnen and has already repped in Under 13 and 14 sides. Also plays for Canberra High School.

PERRY JOLLEY

Forward from Belconnen Club. Came from Nepean District and has played for Ainslie and Canberra North Clubs in Canberra.

VESA ERONEN

Centre forward from Finland. Has been in Australia three years and has played for Garran and Jamison. Is now with Turner.

RICHARD SLOWINSKI

Forward also from the Turner Club. Favours the left wing. Has also played for Downer.

PHILLIP COTTIER

Melrose forward. Very experienced player started off in Sydney. Played with Garran under coach Peter Vidovic and represented the A.C.T for the last two seasons as Under 13 and Under 14.

O'CONNOR PHARMACY AWARD

The conclusion of the League competitions has naturally completed the Club Championship Award also.

To give it its correct title the O'Connor Pharmacy Club Championship Award was originated last season through the generosity of Bill Arnold at the O'Connor Pharmacy.

Bill of course is well known for his active work with Lyons club but is a worker for the game itself with a keen interest in promotion. It was with this thought in mind that a trophy was organised to involve all teams playing Federation football.

The points have been allotted on the basis of multiplying first division points by six and reserve points by three.

Last year Lyons as a second division club and Croatia-Deakin dead-heated and this year Croatia-Deakin has won outright closely followed by another second division team in A.N.U.

While two reserve games remain, the final result cannot be affected and while congratulations are extended to the winners, the Federation teams and players alike thank O'Connor Pharmacy through Bill Arnold for its foresight and generosity in creating a very worthwhile competition.

Public Service Soccer

The matches played in the week ending 3rd August ensured a "Grand Final Final" play-off between Public Service Board and Census and Statistics on 16th August. Both teams are on 20 points and with only one other game before they clash, the gap between them cannot exceed 2 points. The other two teams in the 'top four' National Library and Tariff Board, cannot catch the leaders and will meet in a third place decider on 15th August.

Because of a superior goal-average P.S.B. regained the leadership of the competition when they beat Tariff Board 3-1 in an enjoyable and very sporting game. P.S.B. won the toss and elected to kick against the very strong wind. Tariff Board took advantage of this wind for the first half generally had control of the game. After about 5 minutes Tariff Board took the lead when an inswinging corner-kick was allowed to fall to the feet of Harris Boulton who made on mistake with the simplest of chances. Despite continuing to control the game for the rest of the half Tariff Board were let down by the inability of their strikers to find the P.S.B. net and so at half-time the score remained 1-0.

In the second-half P.S.B. with the wind at their backs asserted control and demonstrated why they lead the table. Max Gillard and Dave Harding scored goals from corner-kicks taken by Howard Francis while a third goal fill to a good piece of individualism by Mick McPartington who beat several players before putting the ball past Tariff Board's keeper, Bruce Coe, from a difficult angle.

Meanwhile Census and Statistics were being held to a 2-2 draw by National Library. In the first-half the match looked to be a Stats benefit as Harry Kroon gave them a two goal lead. Stats were worth a larger lead and dominated all over the park with Dave Barber doing a soft-shoe shuffle in mid-field to great effect. At the start of the second-half the pattern remained the same but gradually Library were managing to mount more and more frequent attacks. Stats, while still having the greater part of the play, lost their way to goal at the very time Library found their shooting boots. Late goals by George Donda and George Georgeporlos meant that Stats slipped from the top of the table.

The most important match in the second group saw Immigration continue their impressive form of late by beating favourites B.M.R. by a single goal scored by George Clark in the first half. In an enthusiastic match Frankie Farrell, the human dynamo, always seemed to pop-up where the ball was and in doing so was easily the best player on the pitch. Immigration must now become favourites to take the fifth position in the competition, they must be sorely regretting their first 3 games, all of which they lost 0-1 after out-playing their opposition.

Leading the final group are Transport who scored their fourth goal in the competition and in doing so recorded their fourth victory.

RESULTS AND TABLES

CENSUS AND STATISTICS	2	NATIONAL LIBRARY	2
TRADE AND INDUSTRY	0	N.C.D.C.	2
NAVY	3	A.G.P.S.	2
P.S.B.	3	TARIFF BOARD	1
MINERALS AND ENERGY	0	TRANSPORT	1
B.M.R.	0	IMMIGRATION	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Public Service Board	12	9	2	1	25	5	20
Census and Statistics	12	9	2	1	33	8	20
National Library	12	6	3	3	20	11	15
Tariff Board	12	6	2	4	14	14	14
Navy	12	5	4	3	15	11	14
Immigration	12	6	1	5	17	13	13
Bureau of Mineral Resources	12	5	3	4	14	16	13
Aus. Govt. Publishing Service	12	5	1	6	19	17	11
Transport	12	3	2	7	4	20	8
N.C.D.C.	12	3	1	8	7	21	7
Trade and Industry	12	3	0	9	10	25	6
Minerals and Energy	12	1	1	10	5	24	3



THERE GOES OUR CENTRE FORWARD

IT'S NOT ONLY GOALS HE MISSES

A.N.U.

The A.N.U. club's First XI has now clinched second place in the A.C.T.S.F.'s Second Division after a season of very consistent displays in which only the team who topped the division managed to defeat them.

With this fine performance the team has retained a chance of securing a place in First Division next season. The Second XI, despite losing players to the first team and generally being second in the pecking order, have put in a great effort and will probably maintain their present position as third in the Reserve division.

Both teams have shown all season the skill and dedication necessary to do well in highly competitive soccer. The combined performances of the teams have put it second on the A.C.T. Soccer Club Championship Award, behind only Croatia-Deakin, one of the two "Giants" of A.C.T. soccer in the last few years.

The Soccer club's latest, most recent social event, the Black Friday Turn, held in the Union, was a great success, with over 150 people attending. Because of its great popularity the Club will certainly be holding another one-probably as an end-of-season event.

The club is planning some trips for when the season ends- Wagga and Eden are possible venues. Other closed season activities will be planned if there is enough interest.

The amateur teams of the A.N.U. soccer club have split into two very distinct groups. Very early in the season, the squads for the teams were stabilised and there has been very little interchange since. The excess of players in the club has forced the fourth team to be fairly conscientious in their approach to the game to retain their position, and a hard core of regular trainers formed.

This excess of players has meant many rarely get a game and several have dropped out as a result, and thus the club has been unable to provide a game for all its members, an unfortunate situation.

All this changes during University vacations, when the club has difficulty fielding the teams. However, for quite a few players, whose position is not in dispute, the ideal of merely turning up at the ground on Saturday for a game almost arrives in the Amateur Division.

Not as devoted to the round ball as Federation teams, the incidence of hard training is rare, but the standard maintained is still quite high. The Amateur section of the club does not put as much stress on training for this reason.

The A.C.T.A.S.A. 1st Division competition is suited to this approach and the imbalance due to two teams CAE and Belconnen, who could play Federation football at a higher standard can be overlooked when considering the similar standard of the other six teams.

Both A.N.U.S.C. Amateur teams display great enthusiasm for and enjoyment of a weekly game of soccer in this essentially social competition.

IN APPRECIATION

It is an appropriate time with the season drawing to a close and this journal having only a few issues left this season to remind all readers whether they be players or not of the very great debt we all owe our advertisers in helping to keep us going.

In particular the names of Bill Arnold of O'Connor Pharmacy, John Mendes, of Amoco and Complete Heating Service and Rod West of Hortons should be noted by all and sundry.

They and their firms have earned our thanks but the most appropriate way to show our appreciation is by trading with these firms. Call in and see these fellows when you have purchases to make in their lines of business. They will be very happy to show you what they can do for you.



FIXTURES
FEDERATION CUP
SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 1973

O'CONNOR OVAL

QUEANBEYAN CITY V C.A.E. 12.45 pm

CROATIA-DEAKIN V FORREST 2.45 pm

DEAKIN OVAL

TURNER EAGLES V OLYMPIC 12.45 pm

JUVENTUS V LYONS 2.45 pm

PLEASE NOTE: NO RESERVES OR 2nd DIVISION FIXTURES.

THE FACT OF ONLY FOUR MATCHES
ON SUNDAY DOES LITTLE TO REDUCE
SELECTION DIFFICULTY.

THE LYONS UPSET OF JUVENTUS IN
THE FINAL GAME OF THE LEAGUE LAST
WEEK RAISES THE QUESTION- CAN IT
BE DONE AGAIN?

JOE FUSCA, JUVENTUS PRESIDENT, SAYS 'WATCH OUT FOR US ON
SUNDAY' BUT BILL ARNOLD IS CLAIMING THAT LYONS WILL BE EVEN
BETTER THIS WEEK.

TRULY, ALL THE GAMES LOOK LIKE BEING TRUE CUP TIES.
THIS IS THE CRYSTAL BALL SPEAKING:-

FEDERATION CUP:-

Queanbeyan city	3	C.A.E.	1
Croatia-Deakin	3	Forrest	1
Turner Eagles	2	Olympic	1
Juventus	2	Lyons	1

